

THE COURT OF THE QUEEN

(A Gnostic Mass)

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Dramatis personae in order of appearance:

STAR SON
and
SERPENT BROTHER

THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN
and
THE HOLY DEAD MAN

THE VIRGIN OF CANCELIATIONS
and
THE ASPIRANT

(directions: the poetry is to be spoken boldly and directly, and is not to be "recited")

(enter: STAR SON (upper stage right) and SERPENT BROTHER (upper stage left) & proceed parallel past Throne of the Queen then converge down stage center)

STAR SON: Deus Ex Machine

SERPENT BROTHER: Of Emerald Earth (follows play of light & shadow)

(enter: THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN escorted, on Her right, by THE HOLY DEAD MAN (from upper stage right) followed, as in a procession, by THE VIRGIN OF CANCELIATIONS escorted by THE ASPIRANT (masked). They proceed to down stage right, circle left to down stage left, circle back up stage to throne ~~where~~ set on a high altar. At the base (ramp or steps) of altar he stops, she proceeds to first stage, turns, and speaks

QUEEN: The Mystical Marriage of the Soldier and the Queen

He then proceeds up steps, escorts Her to Throne, & seats Her. with him giving Response and both giving Anthem. He then retires down to second level & takes his position on the right below the Queen. At this point, THE ~~XXI~~ ASPIRANT, who with THE VIRGIN have remained center stage (approx) as DEAD MAN escorted QUEEN up steps, escorts VIRGIN to first level where she takes her position on left. He then retires to center stage and faces ~~the~~ Queen)

SERPENT BROTHER: Her Lovely Hair
(STAR SON gives "response")

STAR SON: Angel Fer
(SERPENT BROTHER gives "response")

THE HOLY DEAD MAN: Dea
(chorus (all except Queen) giving the "response")

~~THE HOLY DEAD MAN~~

Thy Serpent Priest
SERPENT BROTHER: In Eden stands ~~the~~ Thy Serpent Priest
STAR SON: In Space Thy Serpent Flower
THE HOLY DEAD MAN: The Heaven of Thy holy lust
Has burst my casement tower.

THE VIRGIN OF CANCELIATIONS: The Unicorn
(chorus, all except Queen, giving "response")

THE ASPIRANT: The Black Osiris
(with each verse he advances one step. At each "KALI!" he throws his left forearm up ~~upward~~ horizontal across his eyes to shut out the awful sight. THE QUEEN ~~has~~ has risen & pulled the Kali mask to Her & is standing looking ~~thru~~ thru it)

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